

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

From the

U.S. Department of Energy Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program

During October 2000, Congress enacted historic legislation to provide a new entitlement program for workers who developed cancer and lung disease as a result of exposure to radiation, beryllium or silica in the nuclear weapons complex.

Under the legislation several thousand workers (or their survivors) will be eligible to receive \$150,000 plus prospective medical payments. The workers will also be able to apply for lost wage payments through state workers' compensation programs.

The legislation will also improve the benefits of uranium miners and millers with cancer and lung disease covered under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA). These workers will now be eligible to receive the same \$150,000 payment - an increase of \$50,000 from legislation passed earlier this year - and will now be eligible for the first time for prospective medical payments.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that, under the new program, DOE workers will receive \$1.4 billion in benefits over the next 10 years, and uranium miners and millers will receive an additional \$450 million. Funding for both would be mandatory rather than appropriated.

In Michigan, the Department of Energy has identified the following Michigan based employers and locations that might have employees that may qualify for benefits under this program.

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Location</u>
AC Spark Plug	Flint
Baker-Perkins Co.	Saginaw
Bridgeport Brass Co.	Adrian
Brush Beryllium Co.	Detroit
Carboloy Co.	Detroit
Extruded Metals Co.	Grand Rapids
Gerity-Michigan Corp.	Adrian
Mitts & Merrel Co.	Saginaw
Oliver Corp.	Battle Creek
Revere Copper & Brass.	Detroit
Speedring Systems, Inc.	Detroit
Star Cutter Corp.	Farmington
University of Michigan	Ann Arbor
Wolverine Tube Division	Detroit

For more information regarding this program, please visit the Department of Energy web site at www.eh.doe.gov/advocacy, or DOE workers and survivors can apply for assistance through the department's Toll Free Hotline at 1-877-447-9756.